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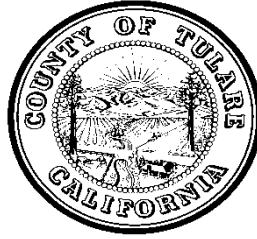
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**Sent Via Email**

Dan Rubins  
MuckRock News

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RE: PRA request from Dan Rubins for Form 700s, Public Meeting Records, Emails regarding Gov. Code section 1099

Dear Mr. Rubins:

Our office represents the County of Tulare. This letter is to acknowledge our receipt of your request for records on August 2, 2019. Please be advised that nothing in this response should be considered as a waiver of the right of the County to assert any and all claims of exemptions or privileges to the inspection of the whole or any part of the records. In your letter, you requested records regarding the following:

- “1. Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests (including assuming office, annual statements, and leaving office statements) for all individuals that have held the role of Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector;
2. Records from public meetings (e.g. minutes or recordings) regarding the role of Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector;
3. Emails and memoranda mentioning California Gov. Code Section 1099, simultaneous appointment, or dual appointment, as well as any communications with the California Fair Political Practices Commission or the California Office of the Attorney General regarding the simultaneous role of Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector;
4. Records of previous complaints or investigations concerning the independence of the office of the County Auditor-Controller from the office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector.”

Records in response to Request #1 are included with this response.

Records in response to Request #2 can be found on the Tulare County Board of Supervisors board meeting website. [http://tulare.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://tulare.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2)

The Department is attempting to locate the records in response to Request #3. However, we need to outsource the search to our IT Department. We are providing notice to you that we will require an additional 14 days in order to complete our search. We will respond to your request by **August 26, 2019**. Records in response to Request #4 do not exist within the office of the Board of Supervisors. We will follow up with the Treasurer- Tax Collector’s Office regarding any complaints. We will respond to your request by **August 26, 2019**.

Pursuant to *Ardon v. City of Los Angeles* (2016) 62 Cal.4th 1176, inadvertent disclosure of documents in response to Public Records Act requests does not waive attorney-client and work product privileges. If you have any additional questions in the interim, please contact the undersigned at 559-636-4950, or by e-mail at [dmmarquez@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:dmmarquez@co.tulare.ca.us).

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Very truly yours,  
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